



# CLIMATE ACTION TASK FORCE MEETING 1 SUMMARY

**December 18, 2019, 6-8pm**

## **Attendees:**

**IBE Facilitators:** Josie Plaut, David Rojas, Hellen Castro

**City of Longmont Staff:** Lisa Knoblauch, Anne Lutz, Phil Greenwald, Francie Jaffe, Berenice Garcia Tellez

**City Council:** Marcia Martin

**City of Longmont Residents:** Amy Schmidt, Gregg Thomas, Peter H Wood, Lynette McClain, Alessandro Franchin, Michelle Mendieta

**Community Partners:** Ocean Fredriksen, Joni Lynch, Del Rae Heiser

**Technical Advisors:** Andy Butcher, Magnolia Landa Posas

## **Welcome**

Lisa Knoblauch welcomed the task force and provided brief context and purpose for the Climate Resolution.

On October 9, 2019, the Longmont City Council passed a resolution declaring a climate emergency ([read the full text here](#)).

The Task Force was created through an application and selection process.

Purpose of Task Force: To develop the foundation, capacity and tone for working together in a way that allows us to see the larger system and potential for working together, so that we effectively develop shared principles, priorities and recommendations for climate action in Longmont as a collective.

## **IBE team introductions**

The meetings are being facilitated by the Institute for the Built Environment (IBE) at Colorado State University (CSU).

- Josie Plaut, MS, Associate Director
- David Rojas MD, MPH, PhD, Assistant Professor, CSU School of Public Health
- Hellen Castro, MBA, Sustainability Intern

## Task Force Introductions

Meeting attendees were asked to respond to opening questions, “Why did you show up today? What led you to believe this was an important thing to do? Why is this worth your time and energy?”

After personal reflection, participants shared their responses in pairs, then the whole group went around the room and introduced each other by pairs.

## Additional Background and Context

Lisa Knoblauch provided a brief history of sustainability at the City of Longmont.

2016: [Sustainability Plan](#)

2018:

- Commit to 100% RE
- First GHG Inventory and Report
- Partnership with Community Services Staff
- Launched Just Transitions Plan development

2019:

- Launched Sustainable Business Program
- Internal City Equity Foundation Training
- Climate Crisis Resolution

Climate Action Task Force: the Longmont City Council dictated the group that will discuss further steps the City should take to promote a carbon-free, sustainable city. The group will create and submit a report outlining steps.

Report Deadline: April 8, 2020

Refer to Road Map to Climate Action handout (attached) for more details.

## Group Agreements (Ground Rules)

The group worked together to develop shared group agreements for working together as a task force. Everyone in the group agreed to work within the following group agreement.

- Respect each other’s opinions
- Listen
- Don’t interrupt people while they are speaking
- Commit to showing up
- Participate
- Everyone participates, no one dominates
- No shouting
- Be hard on issues, not on people
- Focus on the positive
- Be fully honest, but not aggressive (tough love)
- NEVER give up
- Avoiding divisive politics

- Seek to understand the whole picture because none of us have it alone
- Call out to call in (some things need to be addressed to call us in to that awareness)
- Look for “yes and opportunities “

### **Breakout Groups Discussion**

Meeting attendees were asked to break into groups and answer the following questions, “What is something that you hope to learn from others? What is something you wish others to understand about who and what you represent? ”

After a brief discussion one member of each group reported back on the main ideas.

### **Tentative Meeting Schedule**

Next Meeting: January 9th: 6-8 pm. CoSolve, 350 Terry St., Suite 200

January 23<sup>rd</sup>: 6-8pm

February 6<sup>th</sup>: 6-8 pm

February 27<sup>th</sup>: 6-8pm

March 16<sup>th</sup>: 6-8 pm

March 24<sup>th</sup>: 4-8pm

April 2<sup>nd</sup>: 6-8pm